

*Reply of Government.*—Was considered and found not practicable.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Succession certificates.

Messrs. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality; A. Ramanna, Yedatore taluk; C. Krishnamurti, Bangalore City Municipality; and V. Raghavachar, Mysore taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The present rule requiring the deposit of the full amount of the court fee in the case of succession certificates before the order for the grant of the certificate in any case is passed, works as a hardship when there are more parties than one claiming the certificate in one and the same case. The old rule requiring the payment of the fee only after the order for the grant of the certificate is passed may be revived.

*Reply of Government.*—A bill will be introduced to amend the Succession Act.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Civil Court Decrees.

Messrs. Subba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; and N. V. Narasimha Iyengar, Law Association, Bangalore.

*Summary of discussion.*—For the information of clients the amount remaining unexpended out of the sum paid by them towards batta and cost of unused stamps may be ordered to be noted in the decree of civil courts.

Mr. C. Krishnamurthi pointed out that the Government order of the 26th September 1911 requires that information as regards unexpended batta should be given but it is silent as regards unused stamps.

*Reply of Government.*—The matter will be considered again.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Extension of time for Civil Court cheques.

Mr. N. V. Narasimha Iyengar, Law Association, Bangalore.

*Summary of discussion.*—The time for the presentation of Civil Court cheques to the treasury for payment may be extended from three to seven days.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be done.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Administration of oaths by chief ministerial officers.

Messrs. N. V. Narasimha Iyengar, Law Association, Bangalore; C. Krishnamurti and D. Venkataramiah, Bangalore City Municipality; and B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is requested that the chief ministerial officers of civil courts may be empowered to administer oaths when parties have to swear to affidavits, etc.

If affidavits have to be sworn to, the party has to go to the Munsiffs who have hardly any time to spare for this work. Sub-Registrars have been given this power and the Head Munshis may well be trusted to do this work.

*Reply of Government.*—The Chief Judge has no objection. Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Grant of authenticated copies of depositions, etc.

Messrs. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga Municipality; C. Vaman Rao and Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The prevailing practice of granting copies of depositions, etc., on three-pie paper and authenticating the same upon a fresh application is inconvenient when copies have to be filed in courts other than that granting them. This inconvenience may be removed by ordering the issue of authenticated copies, if required, without levying the necessary stamp fee so that the party to whom it is issued may, if he considers it necessary to produce them subsequently in any court, do so after affixing the necessary stamps thereto.